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STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR THE KIOWA AND RITA BLANCA NATIONAL GRASSLANDS BEGINNING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008.

CLAYTON, NM, FEBRUARY 28, 2008 – The Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands will implement Stage II fire restrictions starting at 8:00 am, Thursday, February 28, 2008. Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands District Range Nancy Walls stated, “With the continued dry, warm and windy conditions, we feel it is necessary to take these precautions.” The Kiowa and Rita Blanca Grasslands are located in the northeast part of New Mexico near Clayton.

All areas on the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands will be under the following fire restrictions:
The following restrictions apply to the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove **are prohibited.**
- Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed anywhere on the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands.

Smoking Restrictions:

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site.
- As always, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.

Please contact Mark Chavez at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor’s Office (505) 346-3900 or Nancy Walls at the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (575) 374-9652, for additional information.

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